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Public Notice

2012 Reissuance of the Nationwide Permits by the U.S Army Corps of Engineers

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has announced on its website notice of revised and renewed nationwide permits necessary for work in stream, wetlands and other waters of the United States under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. The Corps is reissuing 48 permits and adding two new permits. The permits will replace the existing nationwide permits, which expire on March 18, 2012. The new NWP's will take effect March 19, 2012. These new nationwide permits will be published in the Federal Register on or about February 21, 2012. They have been posted to the USACE Web site along with other background materials at:

<http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/RegulatoryProgramandPermits/NationwidePermits.aspx>

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control's Bureau of Water and Office of Coastal Resource Management (Department) are responsible for reviewing the nationwide permits and determining if there is a reasonable assurance that work authorized will be conducted in a manner consistent with the certification requirements of Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA), as amended, and the Coastal Zone Management Act (48-39-10 et.seq.). **The Department is accepting public comments until March 19, 2012.** The Department will propose actions for each of the existing and new nationwide permits and make this proposed decision available to the public. The Department's previous 401 Water Quality Certification and the Coastal Zone Consistency Certification of the 2007 Nationwide Permits can be found at:

<http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/water/401nwpermits.htm>

All comments must be submitted by March 19, 2012, to either of the following addresses:

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